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- IN RE APPLICATION OF: Seiichi KAWATO, et al.

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FOR: CATALYST FOR ALPHA, BETA-UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ACID PRODUCTION, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ALPHA, BETA-UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ACID

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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO & AP have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.
- 2) References \_\_\_\_\_ have been cited in the corresponding \_\_\_\_\_ Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AQ-AS are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted here with.
- 4) References AA, AB, AT-AY are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

AR & AS      JP 60-155148 & JP 60-139341      A method is described in which an olefin or  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde is oxidized with molecular oxygen in a liquid phase under the presence of a palladium catalyst including the palladium metal to prepare an  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid and the palladium catalyst can be prepared by reduction of a palladium compound with an olefin having 3 to 6 carbon atoms.

AT              JP 60-139643      A method is described in which an olefin or  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde is oxidized with molecular oxygen in a liquid phase under the presence of a palladium catalyst including the palladium metal to prepare an  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid and the palladium catalyst can be prepared by reduction of a palladium compound with an olefin having 3 to 6 carbon atoms.

AX              Industrial Chemical Journal, Vol. 74, No. 4, p. 134-139, 1971.  
A method is described in which a palladium black catalyst prepared from an aqueous palladium chloride solution is used to perform a liquid-phase oxidation reaction of propylene in water.